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**REPLY TO ACTION DATED MAY 19, 2005**

In response to the non-Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005, Applicant submit the following remarks and amendments in this request for reconsideration.